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The Exhibition.

Yesterday the formal opening of the centennial exhibition took place, and if we can judge anything by the language of the reports the great show is not only not a disappointment but is a credit to American industry and enterprise and a worthy commemoration of the birth of the nation.

memoration of the hundredth year of our national existence. As yet the exhibition is not at its best. There is still much bustle in preparation, the several departments are in some confusion, the exhibitors are behind hand, and many of the goods are in the packing-cases. But to-day the display is one of which Americans have no reason to be ashamed, and the preparations are considerably more advanced than on the opening days of any other of the international exhibitions. In a brief time everything will be

From the start the promoters of the exhibition have had a difficult task. They have encountered skepticism and indifference from all quarters, they have been crippled for want of funds, and forced to make their appeals to the government and the public in a time of great business and financial depression. But they have bravely surmounted all obstacles, showing great energy, enterprise and executive ability in bringing the exhibition to its present prosperous estate. To General J. R. Hawley more than to any other

Though it is too soon to speak of the centennial exhibition as an unqualified success, it has developed sufficiently to permit the reasonable indulgence of high hopes as to its merit and issue. Unless all indications are misleading it will be no unworthy rival of the great exhibitions which have preceded it.

Democrats can have their war dance over the captured scalps of Babcock and Mrs. Belknap without exciting either admiration or confidence. When the voter next fall asks how the Democratic majority in the House have

under the constitution, the equal rights of citizens and the assumption of special government duties and responsibilities by law, and to reform the civil service, Mr. Blymer will answer that he found out that Mrs. Belknap had obtained a post-tradership for a friend, and received a consideration for her services; Mr. Blackburn will say that he made an important inquiry of the President and learned that Mr. Cox will say that he learned that he called Mr. Blaine by the chair, and insulted Mr. Garfield from the chair; Mr. Randall will say he turned out the Union soldiers and experienced clerks who served the house of representatives, and filled their places with men so bad that we had to dismiss many

men in disgrace before the session was held. "Mr. Hill," Colman will say that he had what he could get for the restoration act repealed, but the Republicans prevailed. Mr. Morrison will say that he busied himself in trying to get his committee to report an impracticable tariff bill; Mr. Hill will say that Mr. Blaine worried him so that he had to give his whole mind to the business of holding his tongue; Speaker Kerr will say that the particular Democrats in this Congress were too poor a lot to do anything with, and made him too ill to remain in the chair. And as they will go on

ACCOUNTS from Arkansas say that terrorism prevails in that State as well as in Mississippi. So long as the negro abstains from voting he is not ill-treated, but he is distinctly told that he must cease the exercise of the franchise or be butchered, and the threat is carried into execution whenever necessary. This promises a fine state of affairs.

THE Brooklyn police are hunting up a vigilance committee formed in that city to punish burglars and murderers. They will do quite as well to devote a little more attention to the criminals, and so render a vigilance committee unnecessary.

Democratic papers in Wisconsin think it very "mean" to investigate ex-Gov. Taylor's use of the contingent fund.

Congressman Barnum is so anxious for the Connecticut Senatorial nomination that he is reported as saying sweet words to the inflationists, accompanying them with sly winks implying that they may not be so far wrong in their views after all.

Judge Black must wonder, when he reads the praises showered upon him as a man and a Democrat, since his withdrawal as a Presidential candidate, why some of the flattering editors did not think to say as much while he was in the field.

An interesting suit is in progress in Indiana, one party suing to recover \$500 which he lent to a Democrat who was contesting a seat in the state senate, who used the money

Speaking of the Democrats, ex-Senator Brownlow says: "Lacking virtue themselves, they hope to attain power by pulling others down. But even should they prove some Republicans notwithstanding, it will not prove that Democrats, covered all over with corruption, are worthy to step into the places they once held, abused, and treasurably abandoned."

The Athens, Ga., *Watchman* says of the coming senatorial election: "Our present object is merely to remark that if Senator Norwood declines a re-election, or it shall be thought advisable by the party to put someone else in his place, that Ben Hill stands a head and shoulders taller than any other man named as his successor. The 'ring' may succeed in displacing Mr. Norwood, but the people will not permit it to put an inferior man in his place."

About Women.
Friends of Grace Greenwood say that she will soon institute proceedings for a divorce from her worthless husband.
The election of women to office meets with favor in England as well as here, and Miss Merrington, the first of her sex elected as guardian of the poor in any district in London, has been re-chosen for the parish of Kensington by a vote of 5397.
Mrs. Christianity, according to a Washington correspondent, is "a petite little woman, neatly

as a picture with a pug nose and pretty red hair, of the mill type, with a sombre-looking hat pulled down tightly over it to give her the maternal look of a matron of forty years. It is a signal failure.

Jennie Marshall, a servant girl of Nanpaul Can., took her newly-married husband home to England and introduced him to a fortune of \$1,000,000 which had been left her by a relative. She had run away from home some time before, to escape a marriage her friends tried to force upon her.

Mrs. Mary A. Ford, "Una" the well known Irish-American poetess is dead. She was held in very high estimation by the Irish-American and Catholic press of the country. Her Washington's Farewell to his army, "A Hundred Years from Now," "The Green and Gold", the "Men of Rattli," and "God Pity the Poor," are according to the Irish World, esteemed among the finest things in the English language.

Our North Parsonsfield correspondent writes Mrs. Edwin A. Whitten has sold her farm to Albion Town of Somerville, Mass., for \$2800.—Charles Morrison, school teacher, a short time since saved a cord of green hard wood trees, and twenty sticks of three cuts, in one hour and thirty-five minutes.—John Hays has sold his farm to T. A. Pendexter for \$2700.—G. F. Chapman and A. H. Kenison have sold their store and hall (unoccupied) to the Grangers for \$400.—Gardner Smart keeps in stock a supply of fancy flour and groceries at low costs and at prices, which he is selling at a small margin above cost.

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